

**Commission on Aging
Health and Wellness Committee
May 2, 2023
9:30-11:15 AM**

Meeting Minutes

Attending: Co-chairs: Marcia Weber, Marcia Pruzan; Committee members: Virginia Cain, Betsy Carrier, Joyce Dubrow, David Engel, Kendell Matthews, Laurie Pross, Barbara Selter; Guest: Jim Resnick

Staff: Tina Purser-Langley

1. Meeting opened at 9:32, followed by approval of the April meeting minutes.
2. Transitions As We Age: The group discussed the Transitions as We Age fact sheets, making recommendations for a few additions and edits to the financial/legal fact sheet and work sheet to tighten and clarify language.
 - **Marcia Pruzan and David Engel** will make requested changes.
 - Much discussion centered on how the worksheet might be used, understanding that different people will use them in different ways.
 - **David** will prepare and print out a prototype worksheet for committee members.
 - In addition to online access, the group agreed that they would like to see this package of documents printed and offered in a pocket folder with the cover reflecting the title, and the content—the Fact Sheets and worksheet.
 - **Tina Purser Langley** will investigate associated costs for printing and process for translations.
 - Timeline:
 - The Committee expects to have all pieces ready the Executive Committee meeting on May 18
 - hopes to have the whole package available for the October Summit on Aging.
 - **Committee members should send any additional comments to Marcia and Marsha by Friday, May 5**
3. Workforce Task Force Report: Barbara Selter presented an overview of the Task Force Report on Home Care Workers, which identifies gaps, challenges, potential avenues for improvement, and overall recommendations at county and state and federal level. There was a focus on
 - Communication and outreach,
 - Rebranding to make the professional more appealing,
 - Recruitment of high school students,
 - Expanded training opportunities including field-based practice, including training for institutional settings,
 - Enhancements to encourage training;
 - Priorities, which include but are not limited to mobilizing to make sure work of task force moves forward in areas of compensation, training, reimbursement for family members, greater Medicaid reimbursement rates.

Barbara asked the committee to study the Appendices with detailed recommendations for going forward. Although the Task Force has disbanded, the County Executive and Gabe Albornoz have expressed great interest. Gabe plans to devote a Council HHS committee meeting to this topic. It will be important for the CoA to keep working with Council on this.

4. For next meeting, Marsha asks Committee members to review Taskforce Appendices, which may help the Committee consider priorities for the coming year.

Meeting adjourned at 11:32

Next COA Health and Wellness Committee meeting: June 6, 2023, 9:30-11:00 AM